

Road Safety

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Dear Members of the Capital Subcommittee:

My name is Harish Bhandari and I live on Thorndike Street.

The recent killing of one pedestrian, and the serious injuring of another, each when they were struck by a motor vehicle while walking in a crosswalk, have highlighted the importance of Brookline's policies on safe streets and sustainable transportation.

In order for these policies to be effective, the Transportation Division needs funding for materials to pilot new road configurations and to expand its staff to include a Sustainable Transportation Engineer or Planner, something that Town Meeting called for in a 2019 warrant article.

I urge you to support the budget that the Transportation Division has proposed to the Capital Subcommittee so that the Town can make better progress in making our streets safe and encouraging the use of sustainable forms of transportation.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Harish

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